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## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, November 8, 2007**

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, November 8, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., at the NFL Youth Education Town, 16500 Tireman, Detroit, Michigan 48228.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Jim Holley  
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**  
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**  
Arthur Blackwell II **(ABS)**  
Erminia Ramirez **(ABS)**

##### **Department Personnel Present**

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings  
AC Robert Dunlap  
DC Chester Logan  
DC Marshall Lyons  
DC Jamie Fields  
DC Daniel O'Neill  
2<sup>nd</sup> DC John Clark  
2<sup>nd</sup> DC Deborah Robinson  
2<sup>nd</sup> DC James Tate  
Cmdr. Leo Powers  
Cmdr. Todd Bettison  
Cmdr. Leon Moore  
Cmdr. Dwayne McKissic  
Cmdr. Brian Stair  
Cmdr. Troy Quinn  
Cmdr. William Hudson  
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee

**Department Personnel Present**

Lt. Kenny Williams  
Lt. Rita Serra  
Lt. Jeffrey Romeo  
Lt. Robbin Kirkwood-Farrar  
Lt. Dwayne Love  
Sgt. Samer Jaafar  
PO Michael Malone  
PO Sophia Nelms  
PO Myra Gracey  
PO Michael Gordon  
PO Kenneth Crawford

Lt. Linda Vertin-Peltier  
Lt. William Petterson  
Lt. Charles Wilson  
Lt. Paul Wells  
Sgt. Jeffrey Clyburn  
Sgt. Rodney Cox  
PO Conrad Gaines  
PO Robert Terhune  
PO Darrell Johnson  
PO Tim Cox  
PO Darryl Johnson

**Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director (**ABS**)  
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.  
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director  
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator (**ABS**)  
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator  
Leslie Griffin, Community Relations Coordinator  
P.O. Kent Cooper

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jennifer Gruss  
Laura Gruss  
Carolyn Chambers  
Ali Baydue  
Eli Mohammad  
Kim Chapman  
Toni Robinson  
William Sledge  
Nancy Suchan  
E. Sanchez  
Janice Slomba-Koss  
Gloria Dunlap  
Ella Norman  
Aundra Bomer  
Loretta Moore  
Gary McElroy  
Marcella Richardson  
Zina Mroueh  
Marvin Lapster

Eric Tomlinson  
Yolanda Joiner  
Ilka Lapeer  
Ammar Tom  
Frank Nemeceh  
Mary McGhee  
Mary Brown  
Barbara Sledge  
Donna Przerfenda  
Mary Prevost  
Ollie Thomas  
Thomas Wilson Jr.  
Paula Trilety  
Judge Leonia Lloyd  
Aretha Walker  
Jackie Banks  
Bill Shaban  
Fredrick Harrell  
Vernon Adams

## **RECORDERS**

Terence Bell  
Robert Brown

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Comm. Holley** called the forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 7:13 p.m.

**Comm. Holley** read the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioners.

**Comm. Holley** thanked Jackie Banks and the NFL Youth Education Town for hosting this community meeting.

**Jackie Banks** welcomed every one to NFL Boys and Girls Club and stated they currently have over one thousand memberships. She also gave a brief overview of the club.

### **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Agenda for November 8, 2007, was not presented given the lack of a quorum.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes for November 1, 2007 was not presented because of the lack of a quorum.

#### 4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

##### OFFICE CLOSING

The Board of Police Commissioners' Office and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be **CLOSED** on the following date:

- Monday, November 12, 2007, in observance of Veterans Day.

#### 1. SECRETARY REPORT

##### CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,290** active investigations, of which **1,006** of those are for 2007.

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 11/08/07	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
6	COMM/OPS		6								6
3	EASTERN		2				2			1	5
2	NORTHEASTERN		2				2				4
8	NORTHWESTERN		4	2	2		2			2	12
2	ORGANIZED CRIME			1			1		1		3
2	SOUTHWESTERN						1				1
3	TACTICAL SERVICE		2		1		2				5
17	UNKNOWN COMMD		10	2		1	5	3	2	4	27
	COURT LIAISON										
1	GAMING ADMN.		1								1
1	WESTERN						1			1	2
	CENTRAL										
1	TRAFFIC ENFOR.		1		1						2
46			28	6	4	1	16	3	3	8	69

## 5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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# SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS



### Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of October 28, 2007 through November 04, 2007, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 15 search warrants and 42 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 24 Felony arrests
- 77 Misdemeanor arrests
- 3 Juveniles detained
- 1,281.00 grams of cocaine, 15.4 grams of heroin, and 10,038.20 grams of marijuana and 46 pills, with a total street value:
- \$ 23,570,400.00
- \$ 211,060.00 in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 8 Handguns



### Engaging the Community

### Northeastern District

On October 29th, officers of the Northeastern District stopped a motorist in the 19000 block of Anglin for "Possession of a Stolen Motor vehicle". **The subject was arrested and charged with (1) Assault with Intent to Murder, (2) Felonious Assault, (3) Receiving & Concealing Motor Vehicle, (4) Fleeing & Eluding, (5) Felon in Possession, (6) Resisting and Obstructing and (7) Felony Firearm.**



"BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS"

# Detroit Police Department

## Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*

### ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the Districts in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

Location	Hours of Operation	Telephone
2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
7737 Kercheval	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-4778
13206 E. Jefferson	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-5759
19810 Grand River	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	935-5322
13530 Lesure	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	596-5300
12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555

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### Special points of interest:

#### • Next meeting:

Thursday, November 15, 2007  
 @ 3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Department  
 1300 Beaubien St Suite 328A  
 Detroit, Michigan 48226**

## *Police / Community Intervention*

NOVEMBER 8, 2007



### HOMICIDE

On November 3rd, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 1000 block of E. Grand Blvd. on a "Death of a Infant." Due to the investigation conducted by members of Homicide, a subject was arrested and charged with (1) 1st Degree Murder and (2) 1st Degree Child Abuse.

### WESTERN DISTRICT

On November 1st, officers of the Western District patrolled the 9000 block of Dexter, searching for a person wanted for a "Robbery Armed-Just Happened." As a result of their investigation, the subject was arrested and charged with (1) Armed Robbery, (2) Larceny from a Building, (3) Larceny of a Firearm and (4) Felony Firearm.



### CENTRAL DISTRICT

On October 30th, officers of the Central District responded to the 2000 block of Hooker on "Family Trouble." As a result of their investigation, the subject was arrested and charged with (1) Felonious Assault.

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

On October 31st, officers of the Northeastern District arrested a subject for "Domestic Violence" in the 4000 block of Baldwin. As the result of the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with Felonious Assault.



**Chief Bully-Cummings** introduced members of the department and Cmdr. Moore of the Northwestern District.

**Cmdr. Moore** introduced Cmdr. McKissic.

**Cmdr. McKissic** gave a brief overview of the Northwestern District with its many organizations, and its current endeavors.

He asked Ms. McKissic, his mother and President of the Community Relations Council to speak about the new greeters program at the District.

**Ms. McKissic** stated they serve as volunteers to greet the citizens as they come into the Northwestern district front lobby. They also direct the citizens to the appropriate place for service. The next district to have greeters will be the Western District. There are future plans for all districts to have greeters.

**Cmdr. McKissic** gave certificates of Valor to Officer Darryl Johnson for confiscating a large quantity of narcotics, and Sgt. Jaffar for putting out valuable information on the officers who apprehended some bank robbers. He also recognized the Pacific Railroad for its monetary contributions and relationship with the Detroit Police Department.

He introduced Judge Lloyd and asked for her to give an overview about her program.

**Judge Lloyd** introduced Kim Chapman, Director of *Project Fresh Start Program*.

**K. Chapman** stated she meets with all of the executives of the department with the mission of getting the prostitutes out of the neighborhoods and off the streets.

**Judge Lloyd** stated the program was started to get prostitutes off of the streets. The program has been around for three and a half years and it is very successful. The ladies are involved in a treatment program to help turn their lives around. She asked Officers Malone and Lt. Serra to stand up and be recognized for helping to get the prostitutes off the street.

**Comm. Holley** thanked the Judge for the great work she's doing.

**Lt. Williams** introduced the Community Relations Officers of the Northwestern District.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** thanked the volunteer greeters of the district and wanted them to know how grateful she is to have them as greeters.

## **6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no standing committee reports.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** Mr. William Sledge was born on May 29, 1932 in White Plains, New York. In 1967, he moved to Detroit and received employment with Ford Motor Company and Alsar Aluminum. The devotion to his family and country resulted in a prosperous career. Mr. Sledge met and married his lovely wife Barbara six years ago; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Sledge faithfully served as the President of the Woodbridge Community Development Corporation Organization for more than 22 years. One of the founding members of the Joy Road-Southfield Health Clinic that provides free medical services to citizens, Mr. Sledge tirelessly helps those in need through numerous volunteer efforts; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Sledge is very active within the Northwestern District, and serves an integral role in the district's Community Relations Council Organization. He is the current President of the Whetherby Association and instrumental in the Abandoned Vehicle and Environmental Blitz Taskforces. A member of the "Blight Clean Up" campaign since October 2001, Mr. Sledge has devoted numerous hours to the safety and beautification of the Northwestern District; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Sledge is a member of the United Methodist Church and has proven to be a true asset in improving the quality of life for the citizens of Detroit. He was notably active in the Southwestern District for more than 19 years and served on the Public Relations Board for more than 12 years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**



**RESOLVED**

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department acknowledges the generous spirit of volunteerism and community service of Mr. William Sledge. His dedication to improving the quality of life for all citizens in his community and throughout the city of Detroit merits our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Mr. William Sledge

**DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ Erminia Ramirez  
Chairperson

/s/ Jim Holley  
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie  
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton  
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
November 8, 2007

/s/ Arthur Blackwell, II  
Commissioner

**Chief Bully-Cummings** presented Mr. Sledge with the Certificate of Recognition from the police department.

**Lt. Williams** presented him with the Spirit of Detroit Award on behalf of City Council.

**W. Sledge** thanked everyone for recognizing him with these awards.

The adoption of the Resolution for Mr. Sledge was reserved because of the lack of a quorum.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, November 15, 2007 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Police Headquarters  
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A  
Detroit, MI 48226

**10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**A. Baydue** stated the recent fatal shooting of a close friend and the critical wounding of another has everyone concerned in the Warren and Southfield area. They also requested additional uniformed police presence.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated that the investigation is still open, and on Monday, all members of the district are required to be in uniform. She stated for the record that the Detroit Police Department is hiring.

**B. Shaban** asked why is the response time slow and how many officers are there for every square mile.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated she will have someone to take his questions because she doesn't have the answers at this time.

**Comm. Holley** asked Director Ducker to give an overview for applying for a job with the police department.

**Dir Ducker** stated an interested person would need to come to the recruiting office located at 14655 Dexter and complete an employee interest card. That person has to be a US citizen, 18 years of age, high school graduate or have a GED, and have no felony convictions. A background check is done; a written test is administered along with a committee board interview.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated the Mayor has wanted them to be able to get new hires in a position to be hired by offering job fairs for the police department. This way they can bring all of their information to the fair.

**V. Adams** (reading from a prepared report) stated there have been several break-ins in the 48219 area.

**Comm. Holley** asked if he could submit the report to the Board.

**V. Adams** stated yes.

**Cmdr. McKissc** stated they have made a significant number of arrests in that area, and that he will talk to him after the meeting.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated a lot of the citizens aren't aware of the arrests the department has made. The department will start putting that information on the Internet so that information can be shared with the community. The criminal history of some of the perpetrators should not be back on the streets. In the first quarter of next year, the department will be holding Comstat meeting in the community during the evening.

**V. Mroueh** stated the alarm at their business goes off and it takes the department a long time to arrive. She stated she and her father are crying out for help.

**Cmdr. McKissic** stated they have both motorized and foot beats in those areas.

**Comm. Holley** asked Cmdr. McKissic if he had met the father and daughter.

**Cmdr. McKissic** stated no.

**Comm. Holley** asked if someone could meet with them.

**Cmdr. McKissic** stated certainly.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated for all those citizens who are present to please go to your district community relations meeting which meet every month. That is an opportunity to have a one on one with the command structure.

**Comm. Holley** stated that someone will meet with you and your father to make it safer for you.

**T. Wilson** stated he is sick and tired of seeing our young people die from someone who looks like them. He wants to know where is the outcry from the community. He stated every time an African American kid is killed, our future grows darker.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated that the Mayor is putting together a program with the same amount of manpower.

**Comm. Holley** stated parents have to stop putting children in harms way.

**L. Moore** stated that her grandson was jumped on by several teenagers on his way from school.

**J. Banks** stated there have been other teenagers who have been jumped on while on their way to the Club. Most of them hang out at the Family Dollar on Tireman and Southfield Service Drive. The reason why the teens come to the Club is so they don't have to hang in the streets.

**Cmdr. Moore** stated they are aware of the activity and they are looking to provide a safe route for the kids coming from school.

**Sgt. Jaffar** stated that there are forms and tip sheets located at the front, if people have a complaint.

**M. Lapster** stated that he is concerned and frustrated about the break-ins at his home which have cost him over \$30,000.00; and the police was dispatched by his alarm company but arrived an hour later.

**Comm. Holley** stated this is the reason why the Board holds meetings like this so that your concerns can be given to the right people.

**Chief Bully Cummings** stated to Mr. Lapster that home invasion is one of the worst violations a person has to go through and for him to see DC Lyons before he leaves.

**F. Harrell** stated he has been calling the Chief's Office, Northwestern District, and OCI several times about being threatened by his neighbors and the towing of his vehicle.

**Comm. Holley** stated OCI'S Supervisor will take your information after the meeting.

## 11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**